

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

Yes, this flag is designed to do just that, make any copies (regardless of purpose) impossible.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices?

Yes, especially if not all the equipment is compliant with the standard used by the broadcaster.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

Yes, for the flag to be effective the broadcasters would have to make existing equipment useless, causing the public to have to invest a great deal of money in new products that support the broadcast flag.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

Yes,

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

The price of new equipment would be high due to the new nature of the product and the fact that many would pay the cost to be able to view a broadcast. The price of the old equipment would be very low due to the fact that the equipment would no longer be useable. In the end the consumer would be paying a good deal of money for the implementation of the flag with little or no chance of re-selling the old equipment.